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Rapid River News!

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(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)

(Natural Resource related items)

- **ATTENTION FISHERS AND FISH PROCESSORS.** Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) is collecting names in order to schedule a HACCP Seafood Safety Course to be taught by Ron Kinnunen, Jim Thannum and Mike Erdman. The course will be scheduled for December or Spring 2008, if there is enough interest. CORA needs at least 15 participants to schedule a training. All CORA tribal fishers must be HACCP certified, and it is helpful for related staff to take this course as well. If you need HACCP training, please call CORA today, at 906-632-0043, to indicate that you would like to take this course.

(Public Safety/Court related items)

- **Public Safety/Business Expo.** Tribal Police sponsored a seminar at the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo 2007 held at the Little River Event Center on the 5th of the month. The seminar was on helping business people with avoiding sexual harassment problems and with information on personal defense.

(Cultural related items)

- **Armstrong Painting review for Art Institute.** The following statement was prepared for the Manistee Art Institute in regard to the Armstrong Painting question. The painting (one of three from the Depression era) have been on display before in the Manistee school system. "Tribal Historical/Cultural experts have reviewed this painting. It is important to note that the artist is depicting his (or their) rendition of the scene. The style of this painting is no different from the others by the same artist. None appear to be meant as being photographically accurate, and they may not be meant as caricature either. The style of the art is solely the result of the artist(s). We ask that you merely enjoy the art, and not accept it as a historic depiction of real events."

(General area items)

- **2007 Fall Membership and Elders Meetings.** An estimated 600 tribal members attended the Fall Meeting held at the Event Center and Three Fires Conference Center over the weekend. Ogema Romanelli and Tribal Council attended and fielded questions from the membership on a wide range of topics. A full story on the meeting will appear in the November issue of the Currents.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Gaming License Issued.** The Gaming Commission of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians issued its first gaming license to the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce for a raffle during the Business Expo 2007 held on October 5th at the Casino's Event Center. This is a major step for the sovereignty of the tribe since in the past the state of Michigan would be the ones to issue a gaming license.

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